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OCTOBER

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS AT ST FRANCIS'

Sunday 15 October, 10.30am–3pm

St Francis of Assisi Church, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park

St Francis of Assisi parish, Mill Park invites you and your family to this celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. At 10.30am, the Solemn Mass of St Francis of Assisi will begin the day, which will be followed by a family lunch in the school courtyard with musical entertainment, a jumping castle for the children, a prize for 'most exotic pet' and the grand finale at 2pm, the Blessing of the Animals. Bring the kids, bring your pets. Everyone is welcome.

Details: Ruth on 9407 6704 or www.cam.org.au/millpark

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FRANCIS SULLIVAN, TRUTH JUSTICE AND HEALING COUNCIL: PUBLIC EVENT

Wednesday 18 October, 7pm

St Mary's, 204 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough

St Mary's is holding this event in support of Blue Knot Day. Blue Knot Day is Blue Knot Foundation's national awareness day celebrated in October every year. On this day, all Australians are asked to unite in support of the 5 million Australian adult survivors of childhood trauma and abuse. At this presentation, Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council will speak. Here is your chance to hear from the person at the forefront of the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission.

Details: 9435 1543 or Greensborough@cam.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/BlueKnotWithFrancisSullivan.pdf>

EVERYONE'S BUSINESS: AN INTERACTIVE FORUM ON INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS

Thursday 19 October, 12–2pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Catholic Social Services is hosting a lunchtime conversation forum to mark Anti-Poverty Week 2017. Come along and join the conversation with Fr Bruce Duncan and Prof. Paul Smyth (significant contributors to 'Everyone's Business') as they look back on Pope Paul VI's 1967 encyclical *Populorum progressio* up to the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2017 Social Justice Statement 'Everyone's Business', on the various dimensions of human flourishing and social justice. Sandwich lunch provided.

Bookings: Lucia 9287 5566 or lbrick@css.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/EveryonesBusinessForum.pdf>



A TIME FOR LISTENING: LESSONS FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION

Thursday 19 October, 7–9pm

Pioneer Room, St Mary's Parish, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong

This evening is subtitled 'A public conversation with Francis Sullivan, CEO Truth, Justice and Healing Council'.

The Truth Justice and Healing Council is responsible for coordinating the Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. All of us have been impacted by the sexual abuse scandal and this conversation with Francis will provide the opportunity to:

- better understand the crisis and the reality of what happened
- gain insight into the findings of the Royal Commission
- hear what this means for the Church and our parishes

Cost: Free

Details: St Michael's Parish Office on 5278 1343

YEAR OF YOUTH IN YOUR PARISH: WORKSHOP DAY

Saturday 21 October, 9.30am–3.30pm

Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

In 2018 the Australian Church celebrates the Year of Youth. Parish priests, pastoral associates and parish leaders are invited to explore how your parish can use the Year of Youth to 'open new horizons for spreading joy'. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Office for Youth and Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, this workshop day will equip parishes with ideas, tools and resources and will launch the diocesan framework for celebrating the Year of Youth.

Cost: \$20 for individual registrations, \$60 to register a group of four from the same parish (includes lunch)

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/RFGE>. Registrations close Monday 9 October.

Details: Archdiocesan Office for Youth on 9287 5565 or aoy@cam.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/YouthInParishWorkshopDay.pdf>

BEING WITH GOD IN NATURE: OPEN DAY

Saturday 21 October, 10am–3pm

99 Studley Park Road, Kew

Are you interested in finding out more about how to have that encounter with God in nature? You are invited to a day of reflection and conversation, exploring what the 'Being with God in nature' ministry offers at Campion. There are many different possibilities on offer:

- 'Walking with God in nature' prayer days
- Prayer evenings offered on 'Listening to turning Earth'
- A stillness weekend in nature
- The Emmaus Retreat, walking over 8 days through beautiful Gippsland
- The Wilderness Retreat: a 5-day walking retreat in the Grampians
- The Season of Creation *Laudato si'*: a 4-week seminar on Pope Francis' encyclical
- The Ignatian Camino, Spain

There is no charge for this open day, however bookings are essential. A light lunch will be provided.

Bookings: 9854 8110 or secretary@campion.asn.au or www.campion.asn.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/BeingWithGodInNatureOpenDay.pdf>



CTC STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS 2018: INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday 21 October, 2–4pm

278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

The Catholic Theological College Study Tour of the Biblical Lands 2018 will take place in November–December next year, travelling to Jordan for three days, Israel and Palestine for ten days, Turkey for six days and Greece for seven days, plus an option to add three days in Rome. You're invited to journey to the heart of your faith for 27 days on this exciting tour, to be led by Dr Rosemary Canavan (Senior Lecturer in New Testament) and Rev. Anthony Dean CM (Lecturer in Old Testament).

Cost: \$12,355 twin share includes guides, all airfares and buses, quality accommodation, and breakfast and dinner daily.

Details: For itinerary and further information, and to RSVP for the information session, contact Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/CTCstudyTour2BiblicalLands.pdf>

PARISH BASED 'MENALIVE' WEEKEND

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October

St Brendan's Shepparton (Diocese of Sandhurst), 121 Knight Street, Shepparton

The menALIVE non-residential parish based weekend (PBW) is organised by a team from the parish and facilitated by a team from menALIVE Ministries. It is a principal outreach to men in Catholic parishes. The purpose of a menALIVE weekend is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force for renewal in the Church but particularly in their parishes.

Enquiries: Doug Black on 0408 571 100 or doug@microchips.com.au

JCMA FRIENDSHIP WALK

Sunday 22 October, 2–4.30pm

Commencing 765 Drummond Street, Carlton

On behalf of JCMA (Jewish Christian Muslim Association), you are invited to join the 2017 Friendship Walk, spending an afternoon walking together in friendship and goodwill between a mosque, a synagogue and a church. Starting at the Albanian mosque in Carlton North, the walk progresses to the East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation synagogue, then across the road to St Peter's Eastern Hill Anglican church.

Cost: Free

Details and RSVP: Ginette Everest on 9287 5590 or 0400 211 221 or executiveofficer@jcma.org.au

Registration: <https://jcmaf.w.eventbrite.com.au>

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WALTER SILVESTER MEMORAL LECTURE: JOYS AND STRUGGLES

Tuesday 24 October, 6.30pm

Christ Lecture Theatre at ACU, Young Street, Fitzroy

This year's annual lecture features Donatella Acerbi, president of the General Coordination Council of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. She will be discussing the joys and struggles of a lay woman leader in the global Church. Light refreshments will be offered from 5.45pm.

Cost: Free

Registration: Call Anne Dowling on 9304 2926

Details and RSVP: by Monday 16 October to Anne Dowling for catering purposes on 9304 2926 or Ronnie Maloney at rmaloney1537@gmail.com

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/WalterSilvesterMemorialLecture.pdf>



2017 NATIONAL FERTILITY CONFERENCE

Friday 27 October, 6.30pm for 7pm start, and Saturday 28 October

Mercy Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 17 Young Street, Fitzroy

On the Friday evening, the conference opens with a free public forum, to be addressed by Laureate Professor John Aitken, BSc MSc PhD ScD FRSE, of the University of Newcastle, presenting on the topic 'IVF reconsidered: impact of age, affluence and avarice', along with Professor Pilar Vigil, BMed MD PhD FACOG of the Pontifical University Chile, presenting the talk 'Reclaiming women's health: a global restorative approach'.

Professor Vigil will give a masterclass on the Saturday from 9am, and the conference will conclude with a Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 6pm on the Saturday evening, followed by the conference dinner in the Mary Glowrey Building at ACU.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/LSO1>

Web: www.nationalfertilityconference.com

Details: nationalfertilityconference@gmail.com

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/NationalFertilityConference2017.pdf>

WEEKEND FOR REFUGEE DADS AND KIDS

Friday 27 October to Sunday 29 October

Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong

CatholicCare are inviting refugee dads to bring along one of their children between the ages of 8 and 16 for a fun weekend experience, a weekend which acknowledges and celebrates the importance of a father in a child's life. If you know of any families who would benefit from this experience, please don't hesitate to make contact. Registrations are now open. And a special shout-out for any interpreters who might be able to lend a hand (in exchange for a cost-free weekend away!).

Families in particular need of language assistance are:

- Hakha Chin, Burmese
- Swahili, French
- Farsi
- Arabic

If you know someone who can help, they will be provided with two nights' accommodation and all meals. They will be needed from 1pm on the Friday to 2.30pm on the Sunday.

Participants' cost: Free

Details: Marita.Taylor@ccam.org.au

Website: www.ccam.org.au/rdk

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/NationalFertilityConference2017.pdf>

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday 28 October, 2pm

St Brigid's, 378 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy

Catholic Concern for Animals, Australia invites you to the 2017 Blessing of the Animals, with celebrant Bishop Hilton Deakin. The ceremony takes place on St Brigid's front lawn. Come with your pet animal (under due control) or without. If there is rain, the service will go ahead under cover. There's plenty of parking. Refreshments will follow.

Cost: Free

Details: johndrennan1934@yahoo.com

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/BlessingsOfTheAnimals.pdf>



LOVE AND TRUTH: MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Sunday 29 October, 2–4.30pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Sexual intimacy in marriage: how can something so good be so tough? The Emmanuel Community welcomes all engaged and married couples to an afternoon of wine and nibbles. This seminar is designed for couples facing the challenges of modern life to live in the grace of Christ. Matthew and Julie MacDonald will share from their own experience and journey. All couples welcome. Bookings essential.

Cost: \$20 per couple (includes afternoon tea)

Details: Life, Marriage and Family office on 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/RZWT

NOVEMBER

FIRST SATURDAY DELIVERANCE RETREAT

Saturday 4 November, 9am–4.30pm

Salesian College Chapel, 10 Bosco Street, Chadstone

In addition to the Vincentian Retreat Centre's regular retreats every Saturday in the Salesian College chapel, every FIRST Saturday will now feature a full day 'Deliverance Retreat', during which there will be Rosary, praise and worship, talks, Holy Mass and Adoration, with healing prayers.

Details: Ramesh and Bernie at rbvm.546.samson@bigpond.com

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: OPEN DAY

Wednesday 8 November, 4.30–6.30pm or 6–8pm

Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Interested in theology, spirituality or pastoral studies at CTC in 2018? Come along to either session on the annual Open Day and explore your options. There are a number of courses available at audit (no assessment or credit), undergraduate and postgraduate levels. In particular, studies are offered in 'The biblical world: texts and traditions'; 'Christian spirituality: patristic and medieval authors'; 'Introduction to liturgy'; 'Pastoral studies: pastoral care and spiritual leadership'; 'Meditation in the Christian tradition'; 'Enhancing Catholic institutional identity'; and 'Human ageing: theological and spiritual perspectives'. Explore these and many more subjects, along with a reflection and a guided tour. Light refreshments will be served.

Details and RSVP: by 3 November to Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/CTC8NovOpenDay.pdf>

THE CARMELITE WAY: NOVEMBER PILGRIMAGE

Friday 10 November to Sunday 12 November

Lilydale Warburton Rail Trail and Sancta Sophia Meditation Centre

Join Carmelite Father Paul Sireh for the eighth annual Carmelite Way Pilgrimage along the beautiful Lilydale Warburton Rail Trail culminating at the Sancta Sophia Meditation Centre. Previous pilgrims have commented that the weekend is about being inspired by the scenery and environment, and is also a compelling opportunity to be away from a world consumed by noise. This is a three-day opportunity to take time out to simply reflect and give thanks for what life gives us. Be open to discovering a different perspective on life as you learn along the way what is important to you and shed what is not.

Details: 9690 5430 or info@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

Cost: \$380. \$600 per couple.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/308840

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/CarmeliteWayNovemberPilgrimage.pdf>



CENTENARY CONCERT CELEBRATING JAMES MCAULEY

Sunday, 12 November, 2pm

St Peter's Catholic Church, 585 Toorak Road, Toorak

This year we celebrate the centenary of the birth of the great Australian poet and hymnodist, James McAuley. McAuley's hymns are sung throughout the Western Christian world. This special concert event brings together singers from three of churches of the Toorak Ecumenical Covenant—St Peter's Catholic Church, the Uniting Church and St John's Anglican Church—and community members, to recreate the sound and atmosphere of community singing of the 1960s. Interspersed by readings of McAuley's poetry by friends and descendants, the choir will present a collection of hymns from the 'Year of Grace', with music by Jim's friend and colleague, Richard Connolly. A fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, jazz pianist and devoted family man, McAuley has inspired generations of writers. His deep appreciation of theology and Christian liturgy has been a quiet unifying force in society, strengthening bonds through songs which have for decades echoed among the churches of Toorak. St Peter's Catholic Church is proud to host this remarkable event in homage to a great Australian literary figure and a man of immense faith.

Cost: \$25

Details: Daniel Brace on 0412 806 034 or www.danielbracemusicasacra.wordpress.com

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/RZUU> or <https://www.trybooking.com/316232>

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/Concert2HonourJamesMcauley.pdf>

MORAL THEOLOGY PUBLIC SEMINAR: JESUIT COLLEGE OF SPIRITUALITY

Thursday 16 November, 6–8pm

Jesuit College of Spirituality, 175 Royal Parade, Parkville

Rev. Dr Ai Pham SJ (Dean of Studies at Jesuit Theological College) has been sharing his knowledge over three seminars, all of which have been open to the general public. At the final gathering in November, Rev. Dr Pham will lead a seminar titled 'The spiritual exercises and the formation of Christian conscience'. Everybody is welcome.

Cost: Gold coin donation

Details: 9448 8276 or enquiries@jcs.edu.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/MoralTheologySeminarsJulySeptNov.pdf>

PREPARE HIM ROOM: AN EVENING OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Friday 17 November, 6–8.30pm

St Dominic's Parish Centre, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell East

Join the vibrant team at St Dominic's for an evening of food, fellowship, testimony and Adoration. 'Prepare him room' is a marvellous evening for young people (of all ages!). Dinner will be provided.

Cost: Free

Details: Patricia on youth.worker@stdominics.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/StDominicsPrepareHimRoom.jpg>



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Friday 17 November, 7pm to Sunday 19 November, 5pm
St Paul's Missionary College, Nortons Lane, Wantirna South

You are invited to join other couples and invest in your most precious asset, your marriage. This residential weekend will explore the precious nature of marriage, allowing couples to share feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Details and bookings: Maria and Andre Rasqinha on 0411 225 992 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

Cost: \$55 application fee + confidential donation at the weekend. (Average cost for a couple for a weekend is \$595 but no couple is refused a weekend if they are not able to pay.)

MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE OPEN DAY

Saturday 18 November, 10am–4pm
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne

During 2017 the Sisters of St Joseph are celebrating the 10th year of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, opened by the Sisters in November 2007. The Centre invites parishioners and friends to this *final* weekend Open Day for 2017. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum and the chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the gift shop and refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A local 'walking tour' will take place at 11am to visit Mary's birth site. Everyone is welcome.

Details: 9926 9300

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/MaryMacKillopOpenDays.pdf>

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT 2017

Friday 24 November, 8pm, to Sunday 26 November, 4pm
St Paul's Retreat Centre, 11 Nortons Lane, Wantirna South

The theme for this weekend retreat for women is 'Come, arise!' It will be a weekend of quiet reflection, inspiring talks, guided scripture meditation and time to rest in peaceful surroundings. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday. Adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry/spiritual direction will also be available.

Cost: \$175 full weekend, \$150 Saturday–Sunday, \$100 Saturday–Sunday without accommodation/breakfast. (Please have a conversation if the cost is unaffordable.)

Details and bookings: Sr Rachel on 9857 8177 or rachelfleurant.mgl@gmail.com or Petranell on 0401 046 949 or petranelferrao@gmail.com

RSVP: by Saturday 28 October

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/WomensWeekendRetreat.pdf>



SAVE THE DATE

VINCENTIAN MARIAN RETREAT

Friday 1 December to Sunday 3 December

University College, 40 College Crescent, Parkville

The retreat will be led by Fr Rojan George, Director of the Vincentian Retreat Centre, Melbourne. Sessions will include daily Holy Mass, Adoration with healing prayers, the Rosary, talks and praise and worship. Confession will also be available.

Cost: \$250 per adult, children (six to 14 years) \$200, children under six free. Cost includes all meals and morning and afternoon tea. Rooms have shared toilet and bathroom facilities.

Details and bookings: Ramesh and Bernie on 0433 549 167 or vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com

SUMMER SCHOOL, 2018

Sunday 7 January to Sunday 14 January 2018

Lady Northcote Recreation Camp, 1273 Glenmore Road, Glenmore

The annual summer school organised by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community is here again in January. Summer school is a youth camp with talks, seminars, live music, sacraments, prayer, praise and guest speakers, and is for those aged 16 to 35. Join other young people for a powerful week in the context of a fun and vibrant community away from the noise and distraction of the city. Registrations are now open.

Cost: \$425. Earlybird \$399. Earlybird closes 12 December; registrations close 26 December.

Details: 0467 092 091 or melbourne@summerschool.org.au

Web and bookings: <http://summerschool.org.au/>

FEAST OF HOLY INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Sunday 14 January 2018, 1.50pm

Church of the Good Shepherd, 88 South Circular Road, Gladstone Park

The 15th annual Feast of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague will be conducted at the Church of the Good Shepherd once again this January, with principal celebrant Most Reverend Michael McKenna, Bishop of Bathurst, assisted by parish priest Fr Anh Nguyen, and Deacon Pou'Kesi Vaka'uta. All welcome.

Details: Dalrene and Gary Pompeus on 9335 4742 or 0404 009 326

GENERAL NOTICES

AMCRO: DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL CARE OF HUMAN MOBILITY

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) is offering online a graduate diploma in Pastoral Care of Human Mobility. This is a 'reading course': instead of face-to-face lessons, you read reference materials prepared by the professor and sent every fortnight. The Graduate Diploma program is offered to the following candidates:

- pastoral agents (clergy, religious men and women, and lay people) already engaged in the migrant ministry (pastoral care of migrants, refugees, itinerant people and their families);
- pastoral agents (clergy, religious men and women, and lay people) who plan to work in the migrant ministry; note: certification from their bishop, religious superior or parish priest expressing their commitment to this plan must be submitted;
- Scalabrinian Lay People and Cooperators.

The course starts 7 November, and is available in Italian, Spanish and English. Enrolments are open until 31 October.

Details and enrolment: info@acmro.catholic.org.au

Web: <http://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/>



PROCLAIM 2018: COMING TO BRISBANE

12 to 14 July 2018

Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, South Brisbane

The Brisbane Archdiocese will host the national PROCLAIM Conference in 2018. PROCLAIM focusses on inspiring, equipping and encouraging parishes and Catholic communities to engage in evangelisation and renewal. The theme of the 2018 conference is 'Make your home in me' (Jn 15:4). The conference will engage parishes in an ongoing conversation focusing on leadership, cultural change, young people, belonging, hospitality and evangelisation. It draws together over 500 participants for keynote presentations, facilitated conversation sessions, peer learning, expert discussion panels and visionary future planning. Keynote speakers will include Cardinal John Dew from New Zealand and Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator).

Register: www.proclaimconference.com.au. Early bird registration opens from 20 October.

Details: (07) 3324 3440 or eb@bne.catholic.net.au

OCTOBER: NATIONWIDE MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES

Bishop Michael Kennedy, Bishop of Armidale and Bishop Delegate, Marriage and Family, has written to parishes all over Australia, reminding them that October has been designated as a nationwide month of prayer and fasting for marriage and families. To assist parishes in supporting this month, the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council has produced a raft of resources for your parishes and schools. As Bishop Kennedy wrote:

Even though the Month of Prayer and Fasting is a prayer initiative, not a political one, it does take on an extra significance this year as it falls in the middle of the government's plebiscite campaign. I encourage you to redouble your efforts during this time to pray and preach about the beauty and importance of maintaining the current definition of marriage for the good of the Church and the nation. I encourage you to support your parishes to celebrate Mass, pray the Rosary and undertake Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this time with the special intention of marriages and families in mind. The resource also seeks prayer support for people who are same-sex attracted or gender questioning, and their families.

A specific intention has been created for each of the Sundays in October, for inclusion in the Prayers of the Faithful, as well as in priests' homilies and parish bulletin notices.

This is the intention for Sunday 15 October:-This week we pray for the wellbeing of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty. Please make this your intention during Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, parish rosaries and prayer groups and family prayer times. Please join this intention to your acts of fasting and sacrifice during the week. visit www.acmfc.org.au for more information.

Dropbox resources available here: <http://bit.ly/PrayerFasting2017>

DOWNLOAD BISHOP KENNEDY'S LETTER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/BishopKennedyLetter4MonthOfPrayerFasting4Families.pdf>

VOLUNTEER HOMEWORK TUTORS REQUIRED: GEELONG

CatholicCare's Refugee Settlement Program in Geelong has initiated a new Homework Group at Northern Bay College (Corio) that provides students with a supportive learning environment to enhance their academic achievement and build social connections with their peers. Students are from culturally and linguistically diverse, as well as English-speaking backgrounds. CatholicCare are looking for new volunteer tutors to commence in Term 4, to help students understand and complete their set homework tasks in various subjects such as Maths and English, and encourage them to continue working towards their educational and career goals. The commitment is weekly on a Monday (during school terms) between 3.15pm and 4.45pm, at Northern Bay College, Corio campus. All volunteers are required to undergo a Police Record Check (PRC) and a Working with Children Check (WWCC) prior to commencing any voluntary work with CatholicCare (NOTE: CatholicCare will facilitate the PRC at no cost to the volunteer).

Details and applications: Matt Walton, volunteer coordinator, on 9926 5699 or volunteer@ccam.org.au



VOLUNTEER HOME TUTORS NEEDED ACROSS MELBOURNE

Can you spare an hour or two each week to visit a newly arrived refugee or migrant in the home and help them learn English and settle in Australia? There are isolated people across Melbourne who are waiting for help. Melbourne AMEP is currently seeking volunteers. Free training and support is provided, and begins in mid-October. Volunteering as a tutor gives you the opportunity to:

- help refugees and migrants learn English and become part of the Australian community
- meet people from a wide range of backgrounds
- develop new skills
- learn about other languages and cultures
- become part of a dynamic and committed volunteer team.

Details: Rebecca on 9269 1085 or 9269 1719 or melbourneamep@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU37/AMEPhomeTutorScheme.pdf>

MARRIAGE LAW POSTAL SURVEY

A notice to advise that all Marriage Law Postal Survey forms have now been sent to all registered voters in Australia. It is important that Catholics should be engaged in this democratic process. If you have not done so already please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by the end of October.

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE: SPRING INTO MELBOURNE

The Catholic Leadership Centre at 576 Victoria Parade in East Melbourne is offering a special Spring room rate for its modern 4.5 star accommodation. Here's your chance to spring into Melbourne's racing carnival in luxury! If you're in Melbourne for any of the major events on the gallops calendar (from Caulfield Cup Day 21 October right through to the end of Flemington's Cup Week), up to two adults can enjoy superior accommodations, a continental breakfast, secure car parking, wireless Internet and an incomparable location, with tram right outside, close to the MCG and all the rest of Melbourne city's never ending attractions.

Cost: \$130 per night; available 20 October to 11 November (subject to availability)

Details and bookings: 9200 5200 or clc@cem.edu.au

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FREE PROMOTION OF CATHOLIC EVENTS

Parish Update is prepared every Wednesday by the Media and Communications Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The aim of the update is to assist Melbourne's Catholic agencies, parishes, schools, religious orders, organisations and movements to inform parishes about events of interest. The events are also automatically listed on the [Archdiocese's online events calendar](#). To include a free advertisement about your upcoming event, email details and flyer to mediaandcommunications@cam.org.au.